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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, EG, US  
SUBJECT: AIR SURVEILLANCE RADAR FOR E-1

REF: (A) STATE 064103, (B) SINAI 0557, (C) STATE 065785

1. UNFORTUNATELY KONTOS MEETING WITH GAZIT SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON MARCH 15 HAS BEEN CANCELLED BECAUSE OF OTHER EVENTS. KONTOS, HUNT AND WALLEN HAD MEETING THIS MORNING WITH CHARGE VIETS, AND ARMY ATTACHE WILLIAMS TO DISCUSS E-1 RADAR ISSUE RAISED IN GAZIT LETTER TO HUNT (QUOTED BELOW) AND INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN DEPARTMENT'S 065785. IT WAS AGREED THAT HUNT SHOULD DRAFT BRIEF RESPONSE TO GAZIT LETTER DRAWING VERY BRIEFLY BUT FIRMLY ON DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND REITERATION OF POINT THAT SINCE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF RADAR AT E-1 IS NOT PROHIBITED BY SINAI II AGREEMENT, ISRAELIS SHOULD RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE EGYPTIANS. FURTHERMORE, THE QUESTION OF POSITIONING ANY RADAR WITHIN THE BUFFER ZONE IS NOT A QUESTION THAT IS PROPERLY ADDRESSED TO SFM, WHOSE ONLY CONCERN IS WITH POSSIBLE RADIATION WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE MISSION OF THE SFM IN FULFILLING THE TERMS OF THE US  
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PROPOSAL AS PART OF THE SINAI II AGREEMENT.

2. LETTER FROM GAZIT TO HUNT DATED MARCH 5 READS:  
BEGIN QUOTE  
SINCE YOU RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH OUR MINISTER OF DEFENSE ON THE 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 77, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU OF OUR POSITION IN ORDER TO CLARIFY OUR

BASIC PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL TO INSTALL AN ANTPS 32 RADAR IN E-1 (OR ANY OTHER ACTIVE EARLY WARNING RADAR).

WE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED YOUR AMBASSADOR AND DEFENSE ATTACHE OF OUR POSITION REGARDING THIS SUBJECT, BUT I DEEM IT IMPORTANT TO REITERATE THIS POSITION IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING:

A. WE HAVE NO ACTIVE EARLY WARNING RADAR IN UMM HASHIBA, THERE IS THEREFOR NO REASON TO INTRODUCE THE ANTPS 32 RADAR TO E-1 IN ORDER TO ADJUST THE CAPABILITIES OF E-1 AND J-1.

B. ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT THIS IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING THE RADAR, FROM OUR VIEWPOINT THIS RADAR WILL SERVE AS AN ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEM DIRECTED AGAINST US, FROM TERRITORY UNDER UN CONTROL, SUPERVISED BY THE SFM, INTERFERING WITH OUR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN SINAI.

C. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE FACTS WE MUST INSIST THAT THIS RADAR SHOULD NOT BE INSTALLED IN E-1, AND ANY OTHER EGYPTIAN PLAN TO INSTALL AN ACTIVE RADAR IN E-1 MUST BE COORDINATED WITH US, AND RECEIVE OUR APPROVAL IN ADVANCE. END OF LETTER.

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